

COUNCILMEMBER DONNA FRYE

City of San Diego Sixth District

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

January 4, 2006

TO:

Scott Peters, Council President

FROM:

Councilmember Donna Frye

SUBJECT:

Elections Task Force

On November 21, 2005 the Government Efficiency & Openness (GE&O) Committee voted to recommend that the City Council form an Elections Task Force that would discuss and make recommendations regarding a variety of issues related to city elections. The Elections Task Force was recommended to be composed of a nominee from each City Councilmember and the Mayor with the City Clerk serving as chair of the committee. The formation of this committee was discussed in depth by the GE&O Committee and the committee members ultimately recommended that the Elections Task Force examine and make recommendations on a variety of election-related issues, including, but not limited to, consistency between the City Charter and Municipal Code, mail-only voting, instant runoff voting, write-in candidates, ballot tabulation, city run elections, voter outreach and consistency in city/county/state election laws and practices. In an effort to get the Elections Task Force working as quickly as possible I would request that this matter be docketed before the City Council sometime in January.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Your timely response is greatly appreciated.

CC:

Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

Liz Maland, City Clerk

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